

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace the claims with the following full set of claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for classification of a program comprising the steps of:

receiving an audio/video signal corresponding to the program;
determining transcript information associated with the program using the audio/video signal;
identifying at least one cue ~~of a plurality of cues~~ in the transcript information and an associated time of occurrence, each of the ~~plurality of cues~~ having being associated with ~~therewith~~ a type of program;
correlating the at least one cue ~~of the plurality of cues~~ identified in the transcript information to the type of program;
comparing the time of occurrence of two cues selected from the at least one identified cue and determining a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues; and
classifying the program based on the proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues. ~~correlation of the at least one cue of the plurality of cues identified in the transcript information.~~

2. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

receiving an audio/data/video signal which includes the transcript information.

3. (Currently amended) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1 ~~further comprising the steps of:~~

~~noting a time of occurrence during the program of the at least one cue and a second cue; and~~

~~comparing the time of occurrence of the at least one cue and the second cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the at least first cue and second cue;~~

~~wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the~~

~~at least first cue and second cue~~ the two selected cues are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and

wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the two selected cues ~~at least first cue and second cue~~ are utilized in connection with determining the program classification.

4. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

5. (Original) The method for classification of a program according to claim 1, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus for classification of a program, comprising:

a receiver to receive an audio/data/video signal corresponding to the program;

a transcript information extractor for extracting transcript information associated with the program from the audio/data/video input signal;

a cue extractor for identifying at least one cue ~~of a plurality of cues~~ in the transcript information and an associated time of occurrence, each of the ~~plurality of cues~~ having associated therewith a type of program;

a knowledge database for correlating the at least one cue ~~of the plurality of cues~~ identified in the transcript information to the type of program;

a temporal database for comparing the time of occurrence of two selected cues of the at least one cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the two selected cues
and

a classifier for classifying the program based on the proximity of occurrence.
~~correlation of the at least one cue of the plurality of cues identified in the transcript information.~~

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, ~~wherein a time of occurrence during the program of the at least one cue and a second cue is noted, the apparatus further comprising:~~

~~a temporal database used to compare the time of occurrence of the at least one cue and the second cue to determine a proximity of occurrence of the at least first cue and second cue;~~

~~wherein if the proximity of occurrence is greater than a predetermined amount, the two selected cues at least first cue and second cue are ignored in connection with determining the program classification; and~~

~~wherein if the proximity of occurrence is not greater than the predetermined amount, the two selected cues at least first cue and second cue are utilized in connection with determining the program classification.~~

8. (Original) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the classification of the program is one of a news program, talk show, sports program, panel discussions, interviews, and situational comedy.

9. (Original) The apparatus for classification of a program according to claim 6, wherein the transcript information comprises closed-captioned text.